

~~SCHOOL OF FOREST RESOURCES~~ **NAME OF GROUP TO BE DETERMINED**
ALUMNI GROUP CONSTITUTION
(April 2005) May 2022

ARTICLE I	
<p>The name of this organization shall be the Penn State School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Penn State Forest Resources and Ecosystem Science and Management Alumni Group, an Affiliate Program Group (APG) of the School of Forest Resources Department of Ecosystem Science and Management.</p> <p><i>Rationale for the change: As part of the College of Agricultural Sciences' reorganization in 2012, the School of Forest Resources became the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES

ARTICLE II	
PURPOSE	
<p>The purpose of this APG shall be to stimulate the continued interest of all graduates and friends of the School to act as an informal advisory board to the director and to provide a means whereby alumni may join together for the improvement of the School and the College of Agricultural Sciences in its entirety.</p> <p><i>The Alumni Group recognizes the importance of an engaged alumni base for the continuity and success of this Group and success of the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management. The purpose of this Alumni Group shall be to connect alumni with each other, current students, faculty, and staff to stimulate continued interest in, and support of, the goals and activities of the department and College of Agricultural Sciences in undergraduate and graduate education, research, and outreach.</i></p> <p><i>Rationale for the change: This revision captures the sentiments that (1) the Alumni Group exists to promote its own success as well as that of the department and (2) the Alumni Group should help support the department and college's mission in teaching, research, and outreach.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES

ARTICLE III	
MEMBERSHIP	
<p>Membership in this APG is open to all graduates of the School of Forest Resources and the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, regardless of their membership in the Penn State Alumni Association, and to other friends with a special interest in the School's department's programs.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES

ARTICLE IV	
OFFICERS	
<p><u>Section 1.</u> The officers of the APG shall be President and Vice President-</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> Terms of all officers shall be for two years commencing at the first annual meeting following the time of election, and the Board of Directors (ARTICLE VI) shall elect the Group's officers.</p> <p><u>Section 3.</u> When an office becomes vacant, or there is a vacancy on the Board of Directors, it shall be filled at the next annual election.</p>	NO CHANGE

**ARTICLE V
DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be responsible for general supervision of all work of the Group.

- a. All committees shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors.
- b. The President shall serve on all committees as an ex officio member.
- c. The President shall serve as this APG's delegate to the College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society Board **or appoint another board member to serve in this role on behalf of the APG if/when the President is not able to do so.**

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Section 2. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President. The Vice President shall also assume the duties of the President in the event of incapacity or the absence of the President.

**ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. All the affairs of the Group shall be conducted by a Board of Directors consisting of:

- a. Twelve members to be elected at large from School of Forest Resources **and Department of Ecosystem Science and Management** alumni; at-large board members serve three-year terms.
- b. The Immediate Past President of the Group.
- c. The ~~Director of the School of Forest Resources~~ **Head of the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management.**
- d. ~~The Assistant Director for Outreach of the School of Forest Resources, who shall serve ex officio without vote.~~

Rationale for the change: Dr. Jim Finley was appointed to our board in spring 2010 by way of his role as the department's Assistant Director for Outreach (having succeeded Dr. Rich Yahner); Finley retired in June 2017 (and passed away in October 2021). The department's administrative structure has since changed; the Assistant Director for Outreach position no longer exists, and no one has been appointed to the board in this role since Finley's retirement.

- e. The President of the College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society (CAAS), who shall serve ex officio without vote.
- f. A current ~~School of Forest Resources~~ **Department of Ecosystem Science and Management** faculty member, appointed by the ~~Director of the School of Forest Resources~~ **Head of the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management.**
- g. A current faculty or staff member in the ~~School of Forest Resources~~ Department of Ecosystem Science and Management as Executive Director, appointed by the ~~Director of the School of Forest Resources~~ **Head of the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management.** The Executive Director shall be responsible for the recording and reading of the minutes of all meetings, take care of correspondence and submission of reports, and be responsible for depositing and accounting for ~~all dues or other incidental monies~~ **funds** that result from meetings, special admission events, or dinners conducted by the Group.
- h. Two students (one graduate and one undergraduate) of the ~~School of Forest Resources~~ **Department of Ecosystem Science and Management**, appointed ~~annually~~ **as needed** by the ~~Director of the School of Forest Resources~~ **Head of the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management**, who shall serve without vote.

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Section 2. The Board of Directors will elect the Group officers — President and Vice President.

<p><u>Section 3.</u> Except as otherwise provided by the Constitution, all actions of the Board of Directors shall be decided by majority vote. A majority vote is defined as a majority vote of those present at any regular or duly called meeting of the Board of Directors. A quorum shall consist of eight members of the Board of Directors.</p>	
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<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE VII ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p><u>Section 1.</u> The twelve members of the Board of Directors to be elected at large shall be elected for a term of three years with this exception—when the constitution goes into effect, the initial at large members of the Board of Directors shall begin their service on a staggered basis with half serving two years and half serving three years.</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> The at-large members shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee, appointed by the President, and shall be elected by mail ballot (either hard copy or e-mail ballots are acceptable). Elections will be held annually as needed to fill expired terms or vacancies.</p> <p><u>Section 3.</u> No officers or other members of the Board may be elected for more than two consecutive terms.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">___ NO ___ YES</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS</p> <p><u>Section 1.</u> At least one regular meeting of the Group shall be held each year to be known as the annual meeting, and shall be held on the date and at the place fixed by the Board of Directors.</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> Special meetings of the Group shall be called at the direction of the President. Written notices (<i>either hard copy or e-mail</i>) of the annual meeting and of the special meetings shall be sent out by the Executive Director at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Section 3.</u> Committees shall meet on the call of the committee chair or at the request of the President.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">___ NO ___ YES</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS</p> <p><u>Section 1.</u> This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds <i>affirmative</i> vote of the Group members present at the annual meeting or two-thirds of those members voting by means of a special mail response form (either hard copy or e-mail response forms are acceptable) provided (1) the amendments shall have been placed before the Board of Directors at least one month before the meeting or mailing at which such amendment is acted upon; and (2) the amendment or amendments adopted shall previous to their adoption have been acted upon favorably by a majority of the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rationale for the change: Eliminate the possibility of making amendments via a two-thirds vote of the Group members present at the annual meeting since a low percentage of members attend the annual meeting.</i></p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> This Constitution and its amendments must not be in conflict with the constitution of the Alumni Society of the College, or the rules and regulations for constituent societies as established by the Executive Board of the Penn State Alumni Council.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">___ NO ___ YES</p>
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